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In the application of:

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For: METHODS FOR PROTECTION
OF STRATIFIED SQUAMOUS
EPITHELIUM AGAINST INJURY
BY NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES AND
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT and
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated March 13, 2002 (Paper No. 6) for which a response is due on June 13, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the issues raised in the outstanding Office Action, and present the following Amendments and Remarks in response. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments enclosed.

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